

## FEAR OF SPYING

# A Dangerous Game Worsens

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WASHINGTON—In the oblique world of international intrigue, euphemisms often reveal what they were intended to conceal, especially with a little help from students of deception.

The youthful editors of Counter-Spy, a quarterly magazine that habitually exposes government secrets, have become specialists in translating euphemisms. For "Army Department analyst" or "Foreign Service reserve," for example, they substitute a single word: Spy.

One such act of translation has made Counter-Spy and its parent organization, Fifth Estate Security Education, the latest center of attention in the ongoing controversy over continued exposure of government secrets or dirty tricks.

Twice in recent issues Counter-Spy published the name of Richard S. Welch and identified him as a Central Intelligence Agency chief of station in Lima, Peru. Subsequently, his name and those of six other reported CIA agents in Greece—where Welch moved earlier this year—were published in an English-language Athens daily.

Welch was shot to death Dec. 23 outside his suburban Athens home, a known residence for CIA officials in Greece.

If there was a connection between Counter-Spy's identification of Welch as a CIA official and the murder, it has not been established. But Counter-Spy's editors, though they express regret that any person's life was lost, do not believe the responsibility was theirs.

"I think it's unfortunate that someone was killed," said Margaret Van Houten, a staff member of the magazine. "But when you function in a job like that, you have to function with the understanding that something like that could happen to you at any time."

Since its first issue in April, 1973, supported by Norman Mailer, the author, and former luminaries of the antiwar movement, Counter-Spy has moved relentlessly ahead in its exposures of CIA spies.

It has identified 225 people in the last two years as CIA agents working in such countries as Egypt, Cambodia, Venezuela, even Luxembourg. The next issue, scheduled for this month, will carry the names of CIA agents in Angola, Paris and Sweden.

The editors are a youngish crew of men and women who are for the most part veterans of the anti-Vietnam war movement. Their spiritual fathers, identified as an advisory board in the magazine's masthead, include Mark Lane, the Warren Commission critic; Philip Agee, former CIA case officer who wrote an expose of CIA operations; and Victor Marchetti, another former CIA officer who also wrote a book.

The magazine's literary guru is Mailer, who helped get the publication started with a birthday bash in 1973 and who wrote a short critique of the CIA for Counter-Spy's spring-summer issue of 1975.

But the basic work is done by a small group of people led by co-editors Tim Butz, 28, and Doug Porter, 25. They work at home and use a postal box mailing address. Sometimes they can be found in the offices of the Intelligence Document Center, a research organization and library situated in a DuPont Circle building that also is home to a policemen's union, the Jimmy Carter for President campaign headquarters and the Friends of Mother Seton.

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